Satoyama Landscape by and for All

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Kume Area Overview

Population: 30,169
No. of Households: 12,673
No. of Community Centers (No. communities): 11
No. of Schools: 5 (1 JHS, 4 Elementary)

- Kume JHS
- Kume Elementary School
- Kitakume Elementary School
- Fukuon Elementary School
- Kubota Elementary School
Supporting Organizations

Kume Community Center: Established in September 1951
Kume Area Liaison Committee for the Healthy Development of Youth: Established in 1986
2004: New unit started.
2007: Cooperation with the Kume Area Liaison Committee for the Healthy Development of Youth.

Kume Area School-Community Collaboration Promotion Council established.

Slogan: Working with teachers to cultivate the community’s youth.

Building a cooperative network in the community

Promote community development in cooperation with schools.
Development of Satoyama
Since November 2004 With no budget
Community Farms as Sources of Income
88 Sites Completely Reserved
Creating Satoyama
with Charcoal Kiln and a Thatched Cottage

This was initiated only by three members without being fully appreciated by the local schools in its first stage.
The Cultivation of Shiitake Mushrooms as a Great Attraction for Local Residents
The first tree-planting event (spring 2005) was established as an annual event with many participants.
Making Haniwas to support children’s learning; 
6th grade elementary school children played an important part in creating Satoyama with the creation of 800 Haniwas.
The Process

Orientation

Molding Haniwa

Firing

Completed Haniwas to be exhibited at Kume cultural festivals

Haniwas finally join Satoyama
Good Use of Satoyama: Camping since 2005
Applications are accepted at schools.
Under the guidance of junior high school students, 4th grade children learned how to set up tents.
PTA & Women's Federation: making curry and rice; organizing recreational activities
University students: organizing a campfire
Seniors’ club: leading radio gymnastic exercises
Camping is also supported by cooperation from the Neighborhood Association, the Sports Association, the Fathers’ Association, the Traffic Safety Association, and local hospitals.
Ms. Tanimura in her university days.
Every year, 200 children enroll in the camp program and complete the full program without any dropout, making their debut into local society.
A Biotope Completed
With the cooperation of many people...
Named “Hyokkori Pond”
A place for learning...